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the Chairman of the Corporation to present him with a memorandum regarding the proposed retrenchment of the surplus staff. This attempt of the Staff Union was however frustrated as the Security Officer refused permission to take out the procession. As a sequel at about 7 p.m. on 28th February 1966, the date on which the procession was scheduled to take place, the Staff Union held a general body meeting with Sri Ramanujam, the President of the staff union, in the Chair. About 100 Members of the Union attended the meeting. One Sri Md. Hussain criticised the Security Officer for refusing permission to take out the procession proposed by the Union. At this meeting, it was, decided to organise a procession on 6th March 1966 which was to start from the I.N.T.U.C. Office and from there to proceed to the residence of the Chairman, Neyveli Lignite Corporation. The intention of the procession this time was to present a memorandum to the Chairman regarding the proposed retrenchment of the Junior Engineers and Section Officers and also regarding the non-payment of Dearness Allowance from December 1965.

The Local Police discerned in the proposal of the Staff Union to take out a procession on 6th March 1966 an attempt to exploit the already disturbed state of affairs in the Corporation with a view to create more labour unrest and law and order problems prejudicial to the public tranquillity of the area. The police approached the Executive Second-Class Magistrate, Cuddalore, to avoid development of such a situation. The Magistrate therefore promulgated an order under section 144, Cr. P.C., prohibiting taking procession, etc., in the Neyveli Lignite Corporation limit for ten days from 6th March 1966. The situation is calm.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT.

DISCUSSION FOR SHORT DURATION ON THE ORDER SERVED ON SRI UMANATH, M.P. ON PAROLE

MR. SPEAKER: Yesterday a notice under Rule 57 was presented to me by Sri M. Karunanithi and Sri Rama. Arangannal to discuss about the propriety or impropriety of the order served on Sri Umanath on 2nd March 1966 by some officer of the Madras Government. I have admitted the notice. The time for discussion will be fixed as early as possible in consultation with the Hon. Leader of the House.

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1966-67—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND NO. XXVI—IRRIGATION.

(2) DEMAND NO. XLII—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON IRRIGATION.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 6,99,84,800 under Demand No. XXVI—Irrigation."